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THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE FINAL TEXT OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL
COMMUNIQUE AND ATTACHED SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ELEMENTS
OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. BEGIN TEXT:

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1. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ORGANIZATION MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION IN BRUSSELS
ON 18TH AND 19TH MAY, 1978.

2. DEFENCE MINISTERS CONDUCTED THEIR DISCUSSIONS AGAINST
THE BACKGROUND OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL AND DEFENCE ISSUES,

INCLUDING FUTURE TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN DEFENCE PROCUREMENT, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATO MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON ON 30TH AND 31ST MAY. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT MEETING, THEY APPROVED, FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, A REPORT ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME WHICH HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED AT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING IN MAY 1977.

3. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE POLITICAL RESOLVE EXPRESSED BY NATIONS AT THE SUMMIT IN MAY 1977 TO MEET THE CHALLENGE TO THEIR SECURITY POSED BY THE CONTINUING MOMENTUM OF THE WARSAW PACT BUILD-UP. THE RESULTING WIDENING DISPARITY IN CONVENTIONAL MILITARY CAPABILITIES BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT HAS LED COUNTRIES TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND ESPECIALLY ON NATO'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE DETERRENT OR TO RESPOND TO AN ATTACK BY READY FORCES AFTER VERY LITTLE WARNING. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO ADJUST THEIR FINANCIAL PLANS FOR DEFENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIM, ESTABLISHED IN THE 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, OF AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IN THE REGION OF 3 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS; AND THAT THIS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTED A MAJOR ADVANCE COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITIONS THAT HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE 1977 NATO DEFENCE REVIEW.

4. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, MINISTERS REVIEWED THE OVERALL SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE LIGHT OF EVENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, THEY CONSIDERED THE PRESENT STATE OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE RECENT WESTERN INITIATIVE INTRODUCED IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MEET WITH A POSITIVE RESPONSE. THEY REAFFIRMED THE WESTERN POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT NATO FORCES BE MAINTAINED AND NOT REDUCED EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST, WHICH MUST NOT DIMINISH THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE. THEY WERE ALSO APPRISED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS AND REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION IN THE ALLIANCE ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THESE TALKS. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE GENERAL PURSUIT OF DETENTE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE

THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. BUT
THEY STRESSED THAT, IN THE FACE OF THE GROWING WARSAW
PACT CAPABILITIES, NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS END MUST BE
BACKED BY AN APPROPRIATE DETERRENT AND DEFENCE POSTURE.

5. MINISTERS HEARD A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND
GROWTH IN THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF THE WARSAW PACT
AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MILITARY BALANCE WITH NATO.
THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE MILITARY POWER OF THE

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SOVIET UNION CONTINUED TO GROW, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS CAPA-
BILITIES TO DEPLOY NEW OFFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEMS AGAINST
THE WHOLE OF THE EUROPEAN THEATRE AND TO PROJECT ITS
POWER, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR BY PROXY, ON A GLOBAL SCALE.
MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE

DEVELOPMENTS FOR WESTERN SECURITY.

6. MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT IMPORTANT MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN, OR WERE IN TRAIN, TO COUNTER THE EXISTING ADVERSE TRENDS IN THE BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES
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BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT. UNDER NATO'S ESTABLISHED DEFENCE PLANNING PROCEDURES, THEY ENDORSED NEW FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1979-1984 WHICH COVER THE SPECTRUM OF NATO'S FORCES. THESE FORCE GOALS AND THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME ARE INTERRELATED AND COMPLEMENTARY. MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FORCE GOALS WOULD BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD MEETING THE CHALLENGE POSED BY THE CONTINUING BUILD-UP OF WARSAW PACT FORCES.

7. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR PORTUGAL AND TURKEY TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SUPPORT AND MODERNIZATION OF THEIR FORCES. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DESPITE THE SCALE OF THE EFFORTS THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES WERE MAKING FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON DEFENCE, IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THE ALLIES TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTERS NOTED THE INITIATIVE UNDERWAY FOR THE COMPLETE REMOVAL OF EXISTING UNITED STATES RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BY TURKEY AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE OF A SPEEDY AND POSITIVE OUTCOME TO THESE INITIATIVES.

8. MINISTERS AFFIRMED THAT THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED IN PARTICULAR TO MEET THE NEED FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR NATO'S DEFENCE PLANNING, INCORPORATING A LONGER-TERM APPROACH, AND THUS ENABLING THE COLLECTIVE NEEDS OF THE ALLIANCE TO BE TAKEN MORE INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PLANS. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THEM CONTRIBUTED TO THIS OBJECTIVE, BOTH IN THE
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PROJECTION OF NATO'S MILITARY NEEDS UP TO AND BEYOND 1990 AND THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A GREATER DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND RATIONALIZATION IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS. THROUGH THIS GREATER COOPERATION AND

RATIONALIZATION, NATO WILL AIM TO ACHIEVE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY FROM THE NATIONAL RESOURCES ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE OR PLANNED FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE.

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9. WITHIN THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMM, MINISTERS APPROVED, OR ENDORSED FOR SUBMISSION TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, A WIDE RANGE OF MEASURES IN SELECTED PRIORITY AREAS. SPECIAL IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE READINESS OF NATO FORCES, PARTICULARLY THEIR AVAILABILITY AND SURVIVABILITY; IN THE ABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE TO REINFORCE IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS OR TENSION WITH COMPLEMENTARY IMPROVEMENTS TO EUROPEAN RESERVES; IN THE AIR DEFENCE OF NATO TERRITORY AND SEA AREAS; IN COUNTERING THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE THREAT; AND IN THE PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR ALL NATO FORCES. SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS ALSO BEEN PLACED ON IMPROVING NATO'S MARITIME POSTURE, NATO'S COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE POLITICAL AND MILITARY DECISION-MAKING, ESPECIALLY IN TIME OF TENSION OR CRISES AND ON FURTHER RATIONALIZATION OF NATO'S DEFENCE EFFORTS. THEY ALSO ENDORSED THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP TOWARDS MEETING MEDIUM AND LONG TERM NEEDS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THEATRE NUCLEAR FORCES. MINISTERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPORT FOR THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE SOUGHT AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS

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PROGRAMME IS ATTACHED TO THIS COMMUNIQUE.

10. MINISTERS HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION ON A NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY MEASURES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MAIN PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING NO-COST/ LOW-COST MEASURES WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER, PRODUCE WORTHWHILE DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS AT RELATIVELY SMALL COST AND ARE CAPABLE IN MANY CASES OF IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SHORT-TERM. MINISTERS NOTED THAT FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT UNCLASSIFIED

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NATO AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING A STUDY ON STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY.

11. MINISTERS HEARD WITH INTEREST A STATEMENT BY MR. WILLEM SCHOLTEN, DEFENCE MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP THIS YEAR. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE OUTCOME OF THE EUROGROUP'S DISCUSSIONS IN MINISTERIAL SESSION AND WELCOMED THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS CLOSER COLLABORATION IN THE FIELDS COVERED BY ITS SEVEN SUB-GROUPS. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ROLE OF THE EUROGROUP IN FURTHERING EUROPEAN COHESION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND IN PARTICULAR IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

12. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) ON MAJOR ISSUES IN THE FIELD OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIANCE TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDIZATION AND/OR INTEROPERABILITY OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. THEY WELCOMED ESPECIALLY THE INITIATIVES OF TEN MEMBER NATIONS IN SIGNING AN AGREEMENT TO OBSERVE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR A HIGHLY ACCURATE SATELLITE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM.

13. MINISTERS NOTED A REPORT ON THE NATO ARMAMENTS

PLANNING REVIEW AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE REVIEW AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM.

14. MINISTERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR OTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO IMPROVE STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE BALANCED TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THEY NOTED THE PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING A TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE ON ARMAMENTS COOPERATION, AS WELL AS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION BY ALLIANCE MEMBERS ON SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR RESOLVE TO PURSUE COOPERATIVELY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

15. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE PROPOSAL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A FORCE OF E-3 AIRCRAFT AS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF A NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING FORCE. THEY AGREED TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW OF THIS PROPOSAL THROUGH NATIONAL CHANNELS WITH A VIEW TO FINAL DECISION ON THE PROGRAMME BEFORE THE AUTUMN. THEY NOTED THAT NATO-FUNDED INITIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A STANDARDIZED CONFIGURATION FOR UNITED STATES AND NATO E-3 AIRCRAFT WERE UNDERWAY AND AGREED TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF COMPLETION OF NATIONAL REVIEW PROCESSES. THEY AGREED THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SHOULD BE THE HOST NATION FOR THE NATO E-3 MAIN OPERATING BASE.

16. MINISTERS, REAFFIRMING THAT THE COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME REMAINS ONE OF NATO'S MOST EFFECTIVE COOPERATIVE DEFENCE EFFORTS, NOTED THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEM FOR APPROVAL IN DECEMBER 1978. MINISTERS ALSO NOTED THE NEED FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL CEILING TO ACCOMMODATE URGENT PROJECTS INCLUDING ASPECTS OF THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME, AS WELL AS PRICE INCREASES.

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17. IN CONCLUSION, MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THAT THE COMMON DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. THEY STRESSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE CONTINUED FREEDOM, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND WELFARE OF THEIR SOCIETIES AND FOR THE FURTHERING OF DETENTE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE BASIS OF ALLIANCE SECURITY LAY IN THE POLITICAL SOLIDARITY AND THE MUTUAL SUPPORT AMONG THE MEMBER NATIONS AND THE SCALE OF EFFORT THEY WERE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE.

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SUMMARY OF MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME

1. THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMMES ARE SET OUT BELOW. FOR THE MID-TERM THEY ARE SET GENERALLY WITHIN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE ON ALLIANCE TASKS AND RESOURCES WHICH WAS APPROVED BY MINISTERS IN MAY 1977.

READINESS

. 2. THESE PROGRAMMES ARE ALL DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF NATO FORCES. THEY INCLUDE INCREASES TO NATIONAL HOLDINGS OF TANKS, ANTI-ARMOUR WEAPONS AND MISSILES, ARMED HELICOPTERS AND MODERN AIR-TO-SURFACE WEAPONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON FAMILIES OF ANTI-ARMOUR AND AIR-TO-SURFACE WEAPONS, THE PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AGAINST CHEMICAL WARFARE ATTACK TO MEET NATO STANDARDS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ABILITY OF COMBAT FORCES TO UPGRADE AMMUNITION AT SHORT NOTICE. OTHER PROGRAMMES PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT OF NATIONAL FORCES. MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO SHORTEN THE REACTION TIME OF THE 1ST NETHERLANDS CORPS ARE CONTINUING.

REINFORCEMENT

. 3. THE PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT, IN PERIODS OF RISING TENSION OR CRISIS, ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AS A WHOLE AND CERTAIN OTHER AREAS CAN BE RAPIDLY REINFORCED. THESE PROGRAMMES CALL FOR THE COMMITMENT OF CIVIL AIR, SEA, LAND AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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RESOURCES TO THE REINFORCEMENT TASK. THEY ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT OF A SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT OF FIGHTING POWER TO THE FORWARD AREAS IN THE CRITICAL EARLY PHASE, OF WHICH A MAJOR FEATURE IS PREPOSITIONING BY 1982, WITH THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY FACILITIES BY THE EUROPEAN ALLIES, OF THE NAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES DIVISIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE.

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RESERVE MOBILIZATION

. 4. IN VIEW OF NATO'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE, PARTICULARLY IN ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE, ON THE TIMELY DEPLOYMENT OF RESERVE UNITS, PROGRAMMES PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT RESERVISTS AND RESERVE FORMATIONS ARE PROPERLY EQUIPPED, TRAINED AND ARE CAPABLE OF BEING RAPIDLY MOVED AND DEPLOYED TO THE UNITS AND LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE REQUIRED. TO COMPLEMENT IMPROVED REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES, THE PROGRAMMES ALSO CALL FOR A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER PROVIDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ADDITIONAL RESERVE BRIGADES OVER THE LONG TERM.

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. 5. PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE GOOD CRITICAL
QUALITATIVE DEFICIENCIES IN EXISTING AND PLANNED NAVAL
FIGHTING UNITS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MARITIME COMMAND,
CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS, AIR DEFENCE OF NAVAL UNITS,
IMPROVED ANTI-SUBMARINE CAPABILITIES, ANTI-SURFACE DEFENCE
AND MINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES. IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED
THAT THE MOST SERIOUS DEFICIENCY LAY IN SHORTAGES IN THE
NUMBER OF SHIPS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT AND THAT SPECIFIC
REMEDIES FOR THESE SHORTFALLS SHOULD BE SOUGHT UNDER
ESTABLISHED NATO PLANNING PROCEDURES.

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AIR DEFENCE

. 6. A BASIC PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO IMPROVE AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES, RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT DETAILED PLANNING AND REFINEMENT. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ALLIANCE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM; INTEROPERABLE, JAM-RESISTANT, SECURE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT; MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM; ACQUISITION OF IMPROVED INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT; AND THE STRENGTHENING OF SURFACE-TO-AIR DEFENCES.

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COMMUNICATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL

. 7. CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE ALLIANCE WITH IMPROVED, SECURE, SURVIVABLE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AUTOMATED, STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE MID AND LONG-TERM. THESE PROGRAMMES ARE REGARDED AS ESSENTIAL TO POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DIRECTION OF FORCES.

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

. 8. PROGRAMMES PROVIDE FOR IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO'S CAPABILITY TO COUNTER THE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC WARFARE THREAT POSED BY THE WARSAW PACT. THEY COVER LAND, AIR AND MARITIME FORCES, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO'S ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING CLOSER CO-OPERATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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. 9. PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LOGISTICS READINESS OF THE ALLIANCE, IN PARTICULAR IN THE AREA OF ESSENTIAL WAR RESERVE STOCKS. THE AIM IS TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THE AGREED NATO POLICY THAT CO-ORDINATION OF LOGISTICS SUPPORT SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAMMES WILL ENHANCE THE STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

RATIONALIZATION

. 10. PROPOSALS PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH BETTER USE OF AVAILABLE DEFENCE RESOURCES AND THROUGH

GREATER STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. THEY ALSO CATER FOR INCREASED CO-OPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BASED ON AN EFFECTIVE ALLIANCE LONG-RANGE ARMAMENTS PLANNING PROCESS.

THEATRE NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION

. 11. MEASURES ARE BEING DEVELOPED, BOTH IN THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM, TO ENSURE THAT NATO'S THEATRE NUCLEAR FORCES CONTINUE TO PLAY THEIR ESSENTIAL ROLE IN NATO'S DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE POSTURE.

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REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

. 12. MINISTERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPORT FOR THE

LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE SOUGHT AT THE
HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL AND TO THIS END HAVE FORWARDED A
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FOR
DECISION AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT. END TEXT. BENNETT

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